is under consideration separately. As regards auto-rickshaws, taxi meters are not fitted to them, since taxi meters small enough to be fitted to them are not at present available in the market. Only milo-meters are fitted to auto-rickshaws. Steps have however been taken to see that speedo-meters showing not only the total mileage but also the mileage of each trip are fitted to the auto-rickshaw in the place of the present milo-meters.''

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—'' Is it a fact, Sir, that the taxi meters always show ' eight annas ' and not ' zero ' at the start and if so, may I know, Sir, whether a passenger getting down at the destination has to pay the actual fare shown in the meter or the amount minus eight annas? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' If the hon. Member refers to taxis, the minimum fare that is charged is eight annas. Therefore, whether he travels half mile or quarter mile, he has to pay eight annas.''

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—'' Sir, as it shows always eight annas at the start does the recording start from eight annas? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' It will begin recording from one mile.''

DR. V. K. JOHN :—'' Has the Hon. the Minister for Transport had occasion to get into a taxi and find out whether any fraud has been committed in the collection of fare from him? ''

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—'' Not for the purpose of finding out fraud but at times when my car gets stranded, I do get into a taxi and incidentally I see whether there is any possibility there of committing fraud. No fraud I believe is committed.''

Readjustment of Local Boards.

* 257 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state what action the Government have taken on the suggestions offered by M.L.Cs., in regard to the readjustment of Local Boards referred to in the Address delivered by the Governor on 1st December 1954?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—'' The suggestions made by the hon. Member in regard to reorganisation of Local Boards will be considered in proper time.''

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—'' உடனடியாக ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபனங்களுக்கு மேலிட்டு அதிகாரங்கள் கொடுத்து, அதை உச்ச நிலைக்கு கொண்டுவருவதற்கு ஏதாவது அரசாங்கம் யோசனை பண்ணுகிறார்களா, என்ற விபரத்தை இந்தச் சபைமுன் அமைச்சர் சொல்லமுடியுமா? ''

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—'' நகரசபை சம்பந்தப்பட்டவரையில் சேர்மனுக்கு சில அதிகாரங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன என்று காலை சட்டசபையில் கூறினேன். அதைத் தவிர வேறு ஒன்றும் சொல்வதிற்கில்லை.''

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SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" May I know what the Government mean by saying ' at the proper time '? Is there any fixed time or any definite or certain time for all this? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" When the proper time comes, it will be announced."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" அடுத்த தேர்தலுக்குள் இதுபற்றி ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்துவிடுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" இது எந்த தேர்தல் என்று தெரியவில்லை அதற்குள் ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்து விடுவார்கள்."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask whether the Government have considered at least one suggestion put forward in December in this House? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" We are examining every suggestion that was made."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" அடுத்த ஜில்லாபோர்டு தேர்தலுக்குள் ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்துவிடுவார்களா என்பது என்னுடைய கேள்வி? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" இது சம்பந்தமாக ஒரு கமிட்டி நியமிக்கப்போகிறார்கள். அந்தக் கமிட்டியில் இது பற்றி பரிசீலனை செய்து, க்ண்டிப்பாக அடுத்த ஜில்லாபோர்டு தேர்தலுக்குள் ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வந்துவிடுவார்கள்."

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—PROGRAMME OF THE HOUSE.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, hon. Members are very anxious to know from the Hon. the Minister for Finance what the programme of further legislative work for this session is and for how long we have to sit after the Budget sittings are over. May we have the information Sir? "

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" After the Budget work is over, I think we will have to meet on the 4th or 5th of April and sit for three or four days. By that time, I hope the consideration of the Court Fees Bill and a few other Bills will have been gone through by the Assembly and they will be ready for being taken up here. After meeting on the 4th or 5th, we may finish our work and rise on the 9th of April."

III.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1954–55.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir. I present the Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year, 1954–55, and Detailed Estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the Estimates have been laid on the table of the House.